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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

(Division Bench)

Coram: Hon'ble Shri Jagdish Bhalla, Ag.C.J. &
Hon'ble Shri Satish K. Agnihotri, J.

Writ Petition (PIL) No. 3226 of 2007

Petitioner		Krishna Nandan Singh, Assistant Teacher and Member of the Gayatri Family Mainpat, Surguja (C.G.)
	Versus	
Respondents	1.	State of Chhattisgarh, Through Chief Secretary, D.K.S.Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)
	2.	The Secretary, Department of Home, State Govt. of Chhattisgarh, D. K. S. Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)
	3.	The Collector, Surguja (C.G.)
	4.	Superintendent of Police, Surguja (C.G.)

OFFICE REFERENCE REGISTERED AS WRIT PETITON (PIL)

Shri P. R. Patankar, Advocate appears as Amicus Curiae.

Shri Vinay Harit, Deputy Advocate General for the respondents/State.

ORAL ORDER

(Passed on this 16th day of August, 2007)

The following oral order of the Court is passed by

Hon'ble Jagdish Bhalla, Acting C.J.

This is a public interest litigation wherein the question of child marriage has been raised. The detailed response has been filed by the State wherein it has been indicated that the respondents have verified the allegations made in the letter petition, through investigation in all those cases, indicated in

the letter petition, has been made and also ensured to abort child marriages in certain cases. In the process vigil has been kept to ensure that the social evil of child marriage is aborted and circular has been issued by the Collector in this regard. According to learned Deputy Advocate General, in the particular case of Ku. Pushpa Yadav it has been said that there is nothing on record to show that Pushpa Yadav is minor, on the other hand the parents have given a date of birth i.e. 14.1.1987.

Since the State has given an assurance to this Court that all measures have been adapted to stop the child marriages and restrain all those who are making an attempt to indulge into it, no further interference is required in the matter.

It is clarified that if further child marriage is noticed by the petitioner, he will have right to approach the State Human Rights Commission.

In view of the above this petition stands dismissed.

Sd/-
Ag. Chief Justice

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Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

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